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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

NATIONAL CHILD SUPPORT, INC,)	
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Plaintiff-Appellee,)	
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v.)	ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES
)	DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN
THOMAS HAYES et al.,)	DISTRICT OF OHIO
)	
Defendant-Appellant.)	
)	OPINION
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Before: KEITH, CLAY, and GILMAN, Circuit Judges.

RONALD LEE GILMAN, Circuit Judge. National Child Support, Inc. (NCS), a for-profit child-support collection company, appeals from the grant of summary judgment in favor of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and three of ODJFS's employees. NSC brought this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging the deprivation of a constitutionally guaranteed property interest. Specifically, NSC contends that the district court erred in finding that there was no genuine issue of material fact as to whether the ODJFS and its employees violated NCS's right to due process by (1) allegedly canceling NCS's contracts with Butler and Montgomery Counties, and (2) interfering with NCS's business affairs.

The district court granted summary judgment to the defendants after finding that (1) NSC did not have a protected property interest because the contracts in question were conditional and thus

nonbinding, (2) the ODJFS did not abuse its discretion in refusing to approve future contracts that it reasonably believed were in conflict with federal law, and (3) the ODJFS employees named as defendants were entitled to qualified immunity. NCS's state-law claims were then dismissed without prejudice.

After carefully considering the record on appeal, the briefs of the parties, and the applicable law, and having had the benefit of oral argument, we agree with the district court's decision to grant summary judgment to ODJFS and its employees. Because the reasoning that supports the judgment has been clearly articulated by the district court in a thorough and well-drafted opinion, a detailed written opinion by us would be unduly duplicative. The judgment of the district court is therefore affirmed on the basis of the reasoning detailed in the March 9, 2007 opinion rendered by the Honorable Sandra S. Beckwith, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. *See Nat'l Child Support, Inc. v. Hayes*, No. 1-02-CV-928, 2007 WL 76294 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 9, 2007).